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FDA
5630 Fishers Lane
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Re: Docket #98N-1038

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you because I am outraged at the FDA's proposal to allow irradiated food to be sold without any labeling. As you might imagine I am strongly opposed to food irradiation itself, but since the FDA has already approved that I feel the only recourse I have at this point is to be an informed consumer. How can I be informed if I am not told what is in my food or how it has been handled? Certainly irradiating food may kill some bacteria, but it causes chemical changes in the food as well. This is not acceptable to me. I am a member of a Community Supported Garden that raises organic produce and I buy organic food exclusively whenever I can. I feel it is unfair and immoral for you to take that choice away from me. And if food irradiation is not labeled that is exactly what you are doing.

I suspect the reason the industry does not want to label food irradiation is that people will choose not to buy that food. Think about it. If food irradiation is such a good thing why wouldn't manufacturers be proud to proclaim it on their label? **"Highest Quality Food Irradiation"**

Let citizens be informed consumers about the choices they make when buying their food and feeding their families. Food irradiation needs to be labeled. Please insure that this happens.

Sincerely,

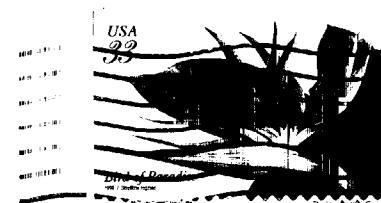


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